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Industries

Work done by the Research Engineer of the Industries Department.

* 316 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the specific duties allotted to the Research Engineer of the Department of Industries;

(*b*) what facilities have been given him for carrying out research work and when he commenced work;

(*c*) what are the appliances which he has evolved so far and with what results; and

(*d*) whether copies of the quarterly reports on the work of the Research Engineer with the remarks of the Specialist Officer and Director of Industries will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*)—The Research Engineer was appointed for the purpose of improving existing appliances and devising new appliances for use in the cottage industries, especially in the textile industry.

(*b*) Copy[a] of a letter from the Director of Industries giving the information required is appended. The Research Engineer assumed charge of his duties on the 4th June 1930.

(*c*) (i) An improved furnace has been constructed for the collection of lampblack. Preliminary trials have to be made.

(ii) A hot air sizing machine has been evolved. Its economic value will be known after the machine is tried under actual working conditions.

(*d*) Copy[a] of a report received from the Research Engineer explaining the work done by him up to the end of March 1931 is appended. The Government do not consider it necessary to place on the table the remarks of the Specialist Officer and the Director of Industries.

Duties and pay of the Inspector of Industrial Schools.

* 317 *Q.*—Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the qualifications and pay of the Inspector of Industrial Schools; and

(*b*) what are his duties?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the annual list of establishment of the Director of Industries, a copy of which is placed in the Council Library. The Officer's present pay is Rs. 1,200.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XVIII on pages 165-168 infra.

(b) His duties are—

(i) Supervision, control, and direction of the Industrial schools aided by the Department (67 in number);

(ii) General inspection and supervision of the five Government Industrial and Technological institutions; and

(iii) assistance to the Director in the administration of the five scholarship schemes sanctioned in the Department.

Alleged grievances of the cottage industrial workmen.

* 318 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether it was brought to the notice of the Government that the cottage industrial workmen along with the English educated young men are suffering on account of the unemployment problem;

(b) whether the Government propose to introduce any new scheme by which they could protect the children of those practising ancient and indigenous arts and crafts from the unemployment problem in future; and

(c) if so, what the nature of the scheme is?

A.—(a) The Economic Depression Enquiry Committee have reported that cottage industries are severely affected and that the weaving community has particularly suffered by the trade slump and political agitation.

(b) No new schemes are feasible, but action is being taken on the recommendations of the Economic Depression Enquiry Committee.

(c) Does not arise.

Libraries

Admission of Indians into the Nilgiri Library.

* 319 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) why Indians are not allowed to enter the Nilgiri Library unless they are dressed in European style;

(b) what grant the Government have annually been giving to the library; and

(c) whether he will be pleased to take steps to see that all decently dressed Indians are allowed to enter the library for study?

A.—(a) & (c) The rules of the library do not lay down any such restriction. The relevant rule is extracted below:—

"No person shall be admitted to the library or reading rooms who, in the opinion of the committee, is not suitably dressed.

Nothing in this rule shall contravene any regulation now, or at any time in force, with regard to the dress of Indian gentlemen attending Government House functions."

(b) No annual grant is given to the library. A rent of only Rs. 50 a month is charged for the building occupied by the library against the standard rent of Rs. 142.